

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please revise the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 4 of the specification as follows:

How the storage period is set for the image data sets S transferred to the order reception server 31 will be explained next. Figure 13 is a flow chart showing a procedure for setting the storage period for the image data sets S that have been transferred. In this example, the number of the image data sets S is n, and one of the numbers from 1 to n is assigned to each of the image data sets. The 6-hour storage period is written in the tag information for the image data sets S that have been transferred and not used for printing (Step S41). First, 1 is set as an initial value of the image data set number (Step S42), and whether or not a previous order was placed for the image data set whose number is 1 is judged (Step S43). In the case where the order has been placed, the extended storage period is written in the tag information of the image data set having the number 1 (Step S44). After the extended storage period has been written in the tag information or in the case where a result at Step S43 is negative, whether or not all the image data sets S have been checked for a previous order is judged (Step S45). If a result at Step S45 is affirmative, the procedure ends. If the result at Step S43 is negative, the procedure from Step S43 to Step S45 is repeated while increasing the image number by 1 (Step S46).

Please revise the paragraph beginning on page 19, line 3 of the specification as follows:

A procedure for confirming the storage period for the image data sets S stored in the database 33 of the order reception server 31 will be explained next. Figure 14 is a flow chart

showing the storage period confirmation procedure for the image data sets S. This procedure is carried out for all the image data sets stored in the database 33 at a predetermined interval (such as every hour or every 2 hours). The number of the image data sets S stored in the database 33 is m in this example. First, 1 is set as an initial value for the image data set number (Step S51). Whether or not the storage period written in the tag information has expired is judged for the image data set whose number is 1 (Step S52). In the case where the storage period has expired, the image data set having the number 1 is deleted from the database 33 (Step S53). After the image data set is deleted or in the case where a result at Step S52 is negative, whether or not the storage period has been checked for all the image data sets is judged (Step S54). If a result at Step S54 is affirmative, the procedure ends. If the result at Step S54 is negative, the procedure returns to Step S52 while increasing the image number by 1, and the procedure from Step S52 to S54 is repeated (Step S55).